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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

This report provides guidance on the export certificate requirements for export of agricultural and food products to the Serbian market. This report covers the Health Certificates that are recently standardized between Serbian Ministry of Agriculture and USDA/APHIS, for export of bovine semen and bovine embryos from the United States to Serbia. It contains an Export Certificates matrix and samples of Export Certificates in Appendix I.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government (Matrix) :

No.	Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
1	For fishery products	Health Certificate for fish products from the United States and intended for export to the Republic of Serbia	Standardized. See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
2	Breeding swine	Health Certificate for exportation of breeding swine to Republic of Serbia	Standardized. See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
3	Fresh meat of domestic swine intended for human consumption	Veterinary Certificate for export of fresh meat of domestic swine intended for human consumption to Republic of Serbia	Not standardized due to the Serbian requirements that are not in accordance with the U.S./international rules.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
4	Canned pet food	Veterinary Certificate for canned pet food, intended for dispatch to the Republic of Serbia	See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
5	Processed pet food other than canned pet food	Veterinary Certificate for processed pet food other than canned pet food, intended for dispatch to the Republic of Serbia	See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
6	Feedstuff containing raw material of animal origin	Veterinary Certificate for feedstuff containing raw materials of animal origin intended for export to the Rep. of Serbia	See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
7	Dairy Products	Sanitary Certificate for export	Standardized. See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture

8	Breeding cattle	Animal Health Certificate for import of breeding cattle to the Republic of Serbia	See sample of the certificate in appendix 1. Currently in a process of harmonization with the U.S. regulation	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
9	Bovine semen	Health Certificate for the exportation of bovine semen from the United States of America into the Republic of Serbia	Standardized. See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
10	Bovine embryos	Health Certificate for the exportation of bovine embryos from the United States of America into the Republic of Serbia	Standardized. See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
11	Breeding sheep and goats	Health Certificate for importation of breeding sheep and goats to Republic of Serbia	See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
12	Registered equidae for breeding and production	Health Certificate for imports into Republic of Serbia of registered equidae for breeding and production from United States of America and Canada	See sample of the certificate in Appendix I. Currently in a process of harmonization with the U.S. regulation	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
13	Meat products	Health Certificate for meat products intended for import into Republic of Serbia	See sample of the certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
14	Poultry meat and poultry meat products	Veterinary Health Certificate FSIS Form No. 9060-5	Standardized. See "Import procedures for the U.S. poultry meat and poultry meat products intended	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture

			for market to Republic of Serbia” - Section VI		
15	Poultry meat and poultry meat products	Certificate of wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9235-1	Standardized. See the “Import procedure for the U.S. poultry meat and poultry meat products intended for market to Republic of Serbia”- Section VI	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
16	Poultry meat and poultry meat products	Certificate for Wholesomeness (Bilingual)	Standardized. See the “Import procedure for the U.S. poultry meat and poultry meat products intended for market of the Republic of Serbia”	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
17	Treated hides and skins	Health Certificate for treated hides and skin intended for dispatch to the Republic of Serbia	See the sample of certificate in Appendix I.	Veterinary Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
18	Plants, plant products and planting seed materials	Phytosanitary Certificate	Not standardized but preferably from an independent institution in the country of export. See section II: PPQ Form 577	Plant Protection Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
19	Plants, plant products and planting seed materials	Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-export	Not standardized, but preferably from an independent institution in the country of export. See section II: PPQ Form 579	Plant Protection Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
20	Plant and plant products	Quality Certificate for plant and plant products	Not standardized, but preferably from an independent institution in the country of export.	Plant Protection Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
21	Corn, soybean and food products containing soybeans	GMO Certification	Preferably from an independent institution in the country of export. However, analysis	Food Safety/ Plant Protection Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture

	derivates		on GMO will be done in Serbia to certify the accuracy of the tests.		
22	Organic products	Certificate of Organic products	Foreign /U.S. certificate has to be re-certified by the authorized institution in Serbia. See section II for more details.	Food Safety/ Plant Protection	Ministry of Agriculture
23	Food products and alcoholic beverages	Health Certificate	Not standardized but preferably from an independent institution in the country of export.	Food Safety, Plant Protection, Sanitary Inspection	Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
24	Food products and alcoholic beverages	Certificate of Origin	Not standardized but preferably from an independent institution in the country of export.	Food Safety, Plant Protection, Sanitary Inspection	Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
25	Food products and alcoholic beverages	Certificate of Quality	Not standardized but preferably from an independent institution in the country of export.	Food Safety, Plant Protection, Sanitary Inspection	Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture
26	Seed Materials	ISTA - International Seed Testing Association Certificate	Can be obtained from the International Seed Tasting Association (ISTA). See sect. II	Plant Protection Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
27	Seed Materials	OECD Certificate for the Varietal Certification of seed for international trade	Can be obtained from (OECD). See section II.	Plant Protection Purpose	Ministry of Agriculture
28	Food products	Certificate of Radiation (for food export from certain areas)	Not standardized, but preferably from an independent institution in the country of export.	Food Safety	Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

1. Certificate Name: Health certificate for fish products from the United States and intended for export to the Republic of Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the place of destination. It is for identification of the consignment, origin of the product, destination of the product and health attestation

Certificate is required by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

This certificate is harmonized with the U.S. related regulations in 2008.

www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/Certificates/Serbia.pdf

2. Certificate Name: Health Certificate for exportation of breeding swine to Republic of Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the place of destination. It is for animal identification (Reg. No. of herd, earmark or tattoo, breed, sex, date of birth), destination of the animals and health information of the animals.

Certificate is required by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

This certificate is harmonized with the U.S. related regulation in 2009.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_serbia.shtml

3. Certificate Name: Veterinary Certificate for export of fresh meat of domestic swine intended for human consumption in the Republic of Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the consignor, consignee, origin of the meat, intended destination of the meat, establishment address, registration (approval) number, means of transport and consignment identification, consignment identification detail, identification of the meat, individual identification of the meat included in this consignment and animal health attestation.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

Serbian side is currently not accepting U.S. veterinary certificate for export of fresh or frozen meat of domestic swine due to the fact that it does not accept U.S. or international methods of treating trichinae trichinae by freezing meat. Negotiation with Serbian Veterinary Directorate to change Serbian standards and to adopt international standards is currently in process.

4. Certificate Name: Veterinary Certificate for canned pet food, intended for export to the Republic of

Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the consignor, consignee, origin of fat derivatives, destination of products, place of loading for exportation, means of transport and consignment identification, identification of pet food and health attestation.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

5. Certificate Name: Veterinary Certificate for processed pet food other than canned pet food, intended for export to the Republic of Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the consignor, consignee, destination of products, place of loading for exportation, means of transport and consignment identification, identification of pet food and health attestation.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

6. Certificate Name: Veterinary Certificate for feedstuff containing raw materials of animal origin intended for export to the Rep. of Serbia.

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the consignor, consignee, origin of the feedstuff, destination of feedstuff, place of loading for exportation, means of transport and consignment identification, identification of feedstuff and health attestation.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

7. Certificate Name: Sanitary Certificate for Export of Dairy Products

This certificate is harmonized with the U.S. related regulations in 2008 and represents Health Certificate for heat-treated milk, milk-based products made from heat-treated milk or heat-treated milk-based products for human consumption for export to the Republic of Serbia.

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the consignor, consignee, identification of the dairy product, product description and it contains Sanitary Certification.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary

Directorate

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/product_serbia.shtml

8. Certificate Name: Animal Health Certificate for import of breeding cattle to the Republic of Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the exporting country, competent ministry, issuing authority, country of destination, animal species, animal identification and description, consignor, consignee, registration number (approval), means of transport and consignment identification and animal health information.

This certificate is currently in the process of harmonization with the U.S. related legislation.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

9. Certificate Name: Health Certificate for the exportation of bovine semen from the United States of America into the Republic of Serbia

Certificate Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the semen, country of collection, origin of semen, destination of semen, identification of the donor animals and health requirements.

This certificate is harmonized with the U.S. related regulation in November 2009.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

10. Certificate Name: Health Certificate for the exportation of bovine embryos from the United States of America into the Republic of Serbia

Certificate Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the embryos, country of collection, origin of embryos, destination of embryos, identification of the donor animals and health requirements.

This certificate is harmonized with the U.S. related regulation in October 2009.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_serbia.shtml

11. Certificate Name: Health Certificate for importation of breeding sheep and goats to Republic of Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the consignor, consignee, country of origin, country and place of destination, identification of means of transport. Health attestation must be attached to this certificate.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

12. Certificate Name: Health Certificate for imports into Republic of Serbia of registered equidae for breeding and production from United States of America and Canada

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the animal, origin and destination of the animal and health information.

It is currently in the process of harmonization with the U.S. related legislation.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

13. Certificate Name: Health Certificate for meat products intended for import to Republic of Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the country of origin, country and place of destination, identification and description of meat products, origin of meat products, destination of meat products and health attestation.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

14. Certificate Name: Veterinary Health Certificate FSIS Form No. 9060-5 for exports of poultry meat and poultry meat products

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment of poultry meat and poultry meat products until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of poultry meat and poultry meat products exporter, importer, country of origin, product identification, packaging and labeling and health certification.

This certificate is harmonized with the U.S. related regulation in 2005.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

15. Certificate Name: Certificate of wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9235-1 for exports of poultry meat and poultry products

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment of poultry meat and poultry products until it reaches the place of destination.

This certificate is harmonized with the U.S. related regulation in 2005.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

16. Certificate Name: Bilingual Certificate for Wholesomeness

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

Both, FSIS Forms 9060-5 and 9235-1, must be signed by an FSIS veterinarian (with name and the function printed after the signature). Importers must obtain an import permit as well.

Import procedures for the U.S. poultry meat and poultry meat products intended for market of the Republic of Serbia can be found in Appendix 1 of this report. Veterinary Health Certificate, Certificate of Wholesomeness and bilingual Certificate for Wholesomeness can be obtained from the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_exports.shtml

17. Certificate Name: Health Certificate for treated hides and skins intended for export to the Republic of Serbia

Certificates Purpose: This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination. It is for identification of the place of destination, country of origin, origin of hides and skins, destination, health attestation.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate

18. Certificate Name: Phytosanitary Certificate (for plants, plant products and seed materials)

Certificates Purpose: To certify that the plant product or other regulated articles described herein has been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free of quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party, and to confirm with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests. The certificate serves for identification of disinfection's treatment and description of consignment.

The Phytosanitary Certificate, PPQ Form 577, is sometimes referred to as a FPC (Federal Phytosanitary Certificate). FPC is a phytosanitary certificate that is used by certifying officials in the United States: see

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/downloads/ppq577.pdf

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Plant Protection Directorate

19. Certificate Name: The Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-export (for plants, plant products and seed materials)

Certificates Purpose: The Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-export, PPQ Form 579 (also referred to as FPC-R), certifies that is based on the original foreign phytosanitary certificate and/or an additional inspection, the plants or plant products officially entered the United States are considered to conform to the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country, and have not been subjected to the risk of infestation or infection during storage in the United States.

See: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Plant Protection Directorate

20. Certificate Name: Quality Certificate for plants and plant products

Certificates Purpose: To certify that the plant and/or plant product have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered being in compliance with the standards of the importing contracting party.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Plant Protection Directorate

21. Certificate Name: GMO Certification

Certificates Purpose: It certifies that the product does not contain and/or has not been produced from products containing genetically modified organism (GMO) soybeans and corn. Serbian import

inspectors could ask for new analysis on GMO in addition to analysis in exporting country.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

22. Certificate Name: Certificate of Organic Products

Certificates Purpose: It serves as a proof that the imported products have been obtained in accordance with the rules of production of organic production methods, as set out by the controlled body mentioned in the same document.

For 2009, foreign Certificate of Organic Products has to be re-certified and issued by one of the following authorized institutions:

1) “SGS-Beograd” d.o.o.

Boze Jankovica str.39,
11000 Belgrade
Serbia
Phone: +381 11 3978 773
Fax: + 381 11 3874 092
Web page: www.sgs.com/organic-certification

2) “Evrocet” d.o.o.

Desanke Maksimovic str. 4/3
11000 Belgrade
Serbia
Phone: + 381 11 324 4142
Fax: + 381 11 3341 649
E-mail: office@evrocet.co.yu
Web page : www.evrocet.rs

3) “Organic Control System Subotica” d.o.o.

Trg Cara Jovana Nenada 15,
24000 Subotica
Serbia
Phone: + 381 24 554 600
Fax: + 381 24 553 116

4) “ Bioagricert” d.o.o.

Djordja Milovanovica str 5,
11000 Belgrade

Serbia
Phone: + 381 64 315 8905
E-mail: nikola.damljanovic@bioagricert.org
Web page : www.bioagricert.org/english

Re-certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

23. Certificate Name: Health Certificate (for food products and alcoholic beverages)

Certificates Purpose: To certify that the food product has been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are in accordance with the current country of export legislation. It contains the declaration of the official authority stating that the products are fit for human consumption, or for production of food intended for human consumption.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, The Ministry of Health

24. Certificate Name: Certificate of Origin (for food products and alcoholic beverages)

Certificates Purpose: Certifies the origin of food products exported to the Republic of Serbian market.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management and the Ministry of Health

25. Certificate Name: Certificate of Quality (for food products and alcoholic beverages)

Certificates Purpose: To certify that the food product has been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered being in compliance with the standards of the importing contracting party. This certificate content is specific to the actual product but usually contains analyzed parameters, physical and chemical characteristics, heavy metals analysis, microbiological statement, ingredient list and nutritional value.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management and The Ministry of Health

26. Certificate Name: International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Certificate

Certificates Purpose: This certificate serves as a certificate of seed quality. It contains the following information: stamp of the testing and issuing laboratory, name of applicant, species, cultivars, category, weight of lot etc., testing and issuing laboratory, analysis results, marks of lot, status of certificate, number of containers, species, etc. To review this certificate please, see the following web

page:

http://www.seedtest.org/en/completing_ista_certificates_content---1--1138.html

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

27. Certificate Name: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Certificate for the Varietal Certification of seed for international trade

Certificates Purpose: Certifies the variety and origin of the seed material.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

28. Certificate Name: Certification on Radiation

Certificates Purpose: Certifies the level of radiation in the imported product. Inspector may ask for this certificate, especially if the goods are coming from areas or countries where higher levels of radiation have been registered or suspected.

Certificate is requires by: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management and The Ministry of Health

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

All certificates, except the ones that are standardized and are not standardized (such as of the GMO Certificate, Health Certificate and Certificate of Origin for foodstuff consignments), listed in Section I, are included in Appendix I. which is attached to this report. Certificates that are not standardized by the Serbian Government must be issued by an independent and accredited institution in the exporting country. In addition, the Serbian Ministry of Agriculture will authorize accredited institutions (see section II of this report) in Serbia that deal with organic product certification to issue re-certificates for all imported organic products based on the certificates and import documents from the country of origin.

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

All certificates listed in this report must accompany a product at the time of entry and must be original. They are applied to one-single shipments only.

Serbia does not accept the supplier or manufacturer export declaration as a proof of compliance with the Serbian legislations and standardization. Furthermore, inspectors have the right to ask for additional information from the producer, or other related certificate from competent authorities in the exporting country. For the non-standardized certificates listed in Section I, Serbia will accept a State-issued export certificates from the United States, if these certificates are in accordance with the Serbian legislations.

In regards to the export certification requirements for fresh/frozen pork, beef, and products (SER-4), they have not been approved or agreed between USDA/FSIS and the Serbian Ministry of

Agriculture/Veterinary Directorate at this time.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

For food imports, international certificates on the health safety of the consignment are recognized based on bilateral and multilateral conventions as issued by the competent authority of the exporting country. If the conventions are non-existent, recognition of the international certificates and other documents will be carried out through enforced regulations.

Beside the specific and aforementioned certificate(s), all imported goods must be accompanied by commercial invoices and transportation documents at the time of entry into the Republic of Serbia.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Electronic copies of Export Certificates are attached to this report.

Author Defined:

For more information on the Serbian legislations concerning food safety, animal identification, pesticides and contaminants, planting seeds and labeling requirements, please refer to the FAIRS Country Annual Report, No. RB9007:

http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/Food%20and%20Agricultural%20Import%20Regulations%20and%20Standards%20-%20Narrative_Belgrade_Serbia_7-27-2009.pdf

This report also contains contact information of relevant government agencies.

The sanitary requirements and veterinary regulations, standards, testing fees and sampling procedures applied for imports of U.S. poultry meat and products and can be reviewed in the GAIN Report No. SR5004:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200506/146130103.pdf>

More information on organic production, market and import requirements can be reviewed in the GAIN Report No. SR 9002:

http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/Organic%20Agriculture%20in%20Serbia_Belgrade_Serbia_6-8-2009.pdf